

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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EVARISTO NAVARRO RODRIGUEZ

Case No. 3:20-cv-00691-MMD-CLB

Petitioner,

ORDER

TIM GARRETT, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Petitioner Evaristo Navarro Rodriguez has submitted a *pro se* 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition for writ of habeas corpus. He has also paid the filing fee; therefore, his application to proceed in forma pauperis is denied as moot. The Court has reviewed the petition pursuant to Habeas Rule 4, and it will be docketed and served on Respondents.

A petition for federal habeas corpus should include all claims for relief of which petitioner is aware. If Petitioner fails to include such a claim in his petition, he may be forever barred from seeking federal habeas relief upon that claim. See 28 U.S.C. §2254(b) (successive petitions). If Petitioner is aware of any claim not included in his petition, he should notify the Court of that as soon as possible, perhaps by means of a motion to amend his petition to add the claim.

Petitioner has also submitted a motion for appointment of counsel. (ECF No. 5.) There is no constitutional right to appointed counsel for a federal habeas corpus proceeding. See *Pennsylvania v. Finley*, 481 U.S. 551, 555 (1987); *Bonin v. Vasquez*, 999 F.2d 425, 428 (9th Cir. 1993). The decision to appoint counsel is generally discretionary. See *Chaney v. Lewis*, 801 F.2d 1191, 1196 (9th Cir. 1986), *cert. denied*, 481 U.S. 1023 (1987); *Bashor v. Risley*, 730 F.2d 1228, 1234 (9th Cir. 1984), *cert. denied*, 469 U.S. 838 (1984). However, counsel must be appointed if the complexities of the case are such that denial of counsel would amount to a denial of due process, and where the

1 petitioner is a person of such limited education as to be incapable of fairly presenting his
2 claims. See *Chaney*, 801 F.2d at 1196; see also *Hawkins v. Bennett*, 423 F.2d 948 (8th
3 Cir. 1970). Here, Rodriguez is serving a lengthy sentence, and it is not entirely clear
4 whether the legal issues he seeks to raise are complex. Thus, in order to ensure due
5 process, the Court grants Rodriguez's motion for counsel.

6 It is therefore ordered that Petitioner's application to proceed in forma pauperis
7 (ECF No. 4) is denied as moot.

8 It is further ordered that the Clerk of Court detach, file, and electronically serve the
9 petition (ECF No. 1-1) on Respondents.

10 It is further ordered that the Clerk of Court add Aaron D. Ford, Nevada Attorney
11 General, as counsel for Respondents, and provide Respondents an electronic copy of all
12 items previously filed in this case by regenerating the Notice of Electronic Filing to the
13 office of the AG only.

14 It is further ordered that Petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel (ECF No.
15 5) is granted.

16 It is further ordered that the Federal Public Defender for the District of Nevada
17 ("FPD") is appointed to represent Petitioner.

18 It is further ordered that the Clerk of Court electronically serve the FPD a copy of
19 this order, together with a copy of the petition for writ of habeas corpus (ECF No. 1-1).
20 The FPD has 30 days from the date of entry of this order to file a notice of appearance or
21 to indicate to the Court its inability to represent Petitioner in these proceedings.

22 It is further ordered that after counsel has appeared for Petitioner in this case, the
23 Court will issue a scheduling order, which will, among other things, set a deadline for the
24 filing of an amended petition.

25 DATED THIS 27th Day of January 2021.

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MIRANDA M. DU, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT